

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 667

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the joint committee on police practices.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 21.818, to read as follows:

21.818. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee of the general assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee On Police Practices" to be comprised of seven members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and minority floor leader and seven members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and the minority floor leader. The appointment of each member shall continue during the member's term of office or until a successor has been appointed to fill the member's place when his or her term of office as a member of the general assembly has expired. No party shall be represented by more than four members from the house of representatives or more than four members from the senate. A majority of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be required for the determination of any matter within the joint committee's duties.

2. The joint committee shall:

(1) Determine resources law enforcement need to effectively serve and protect when citizens are exercising their constitutionally protected rights;

(2) Determine how to approach maintaining order during first amendment protected events;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 17 (3) Determine the best tools and practices that will help peace officers maintain
18 public safety while safeguarding constitutional rights;
- 19 (4) Determine and recommend outreach efforts to ensure effective neighborhood
20 policing, officer safety, and community health;
- 21 (5) Make recommendations as to how law enforcement can work with the
22 community to minimize needless confrontation;
- 23 (6) Determine whether consistent racial profiling should be required throughout
24 the state;
- 25 (7) Investigate the disparity directed at minorities by law enforcement, including
26 racial profiling;
- 27 (8) Study and make recommendations for the demilitarization of peace officers and
28 determine suitable occurrences to warrant militarization of peace officers;
- 29 (9) Request the presence of the director of the department of public safety and the
30 police chiefs in a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine
31 hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, a city not within a county, a home rule city with more
32 than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county, a county
33 with a charter form of government and with more than three hundred thousand but fewer
34 than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, a county with a charter form of government
35 and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand
36 inhabitants, and a home rule city with more than one hundred sixteen thousand but fewer
37 than one hundred fifty-five thousand inhabitants be present at meetings to answer
38 questions;
- 39 (10) Determine the feasibility of requiring all law enforcement deployed to protests
40 to wear clearly identifiable name tags;
- 41 (11) Determine the need for legislation prohibiting the use of tear gas unless a state
42 of emergency is declared and a neutral third party is present to oversee its humane use;
- 43 (12) Make a continuing study and analysis of the department of public safety and
44 a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty
45 thousand inhabitants, a city not within a county, a home rule city with more than four
46 hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county, a county with a
47 charter form of government and with more than three hundred thousand but fewer than
48 four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, and a county with a charter form of government
49 and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand
50 inhabitants, for bias;
- 51 (13) Address the need for additional resources to improve the quality of fairness
52 provided to minorities and law enforcement;

53 **(14) Devise a plan for improving the structured decision- making process in times**
54 **of unrest;**

55 **(15) Determine the additional personnel and resources needed to adequately protect**
56 **minorities;**

57 **(16) Determine from the study and the analysis the need for changes in the**
58 **statutory laws;**

59 **(17) Investigate the operations, effects, and administration of the department of**
60 **public safety;**

61 **(18) Make every effort to meet in at least three urban regions of the state to seek**
62 **public input from minorities in those regions and their needs and existing resources;**

63 **(19) Make any recommendation to the general assembly necessary to provide**
64 **adequate protection for minorities in this state regarding due process and equal protection**
65 **rights;**

66 **(20) Compile a full report of its activities for submission to the general assembly by**
67 **January thirtieth of each year the general assembly convenes in a regular session; and**

68 **(21) Meet within thirty days after its creation and select a chairperson and a vice**
69 **chairperson and meet quarterly thereafter.**

70 **3. As used in this section, "minorities" mean individuals of African, Hispanic,**
71 **Native American, or Asian decent.**

72 **4. The provisions of this section shall expire on January 30, 2020.**

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